

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Utah Energy Shortage Contingency Plan is the state's strategy for responding to an energy emergency. An energy emergency is an actual or potential loss of supply that significantly impacts the state's energy systems to the extent that the peace, health, safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Utah are in jeopardy. Shortages, actual or anticipated, resulting from natural disasters or geopolitical events such as war, terrorism, and embargo, can impact essential services and the economy.

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The two most important components of the plan are Part V, "24/7 Energy Emergency Points-of-Contact List," and provisions for an Emergency Support Function #12 Team and their continued participation in planning, exercises, and emergency operations. The team includes representatives of state agencies, local jurisdictions, and the private sector. The group also functions as the Energy Sector Coordinating Council that is under the umbrella of the

Private Sector Homeland Security Coordinating Council.

The Plan relies on a free market approach to control distribution and supply. Government intervention should occur only to the extent necessary to protect the interests of public health, safety and welfare, along with economic stability and recovery.

During the early stages of an anticipated or actual shortage, the primary role of the State is fact-finding, monitoring, and exchanging information rather than direct intervention in industry efforts to restore services and satisfy customer requirements.

The assigned "Primary" agencies for Emergency Support Function #12 (Energy), as designated in the Utah Emergency Operations Plan, will provide the Division of Homeland Security and/or State Emergency Operations Center, Governor's Energy Advisor, and Legislature, with accurate and timely information for decision-making. The primary agencies, and the specific energy elements for which they have responsibility, are the following:

Electricity & Natural Gas

Department of Commerce,
Utah Division of Public Utilities

Petroleum and Other Bulk Fuels

Department of Natural
Resources, Utah Geological
Survey

If a shortage continues or worsens, monitoring and public information activities should intensify and appropriate voluntary and mandatory mitigation programs can be implemented. Mandatory measures can only be implemented subsequent to a state of emergency proclamation, and executive order.

Plan Organization

Part I includes descriptions and explanations of the plan's purpose and scope, assumptions and policies, concept of emergency operations, and descriptions of various response phases and associated actions

Part II includes procedural checklists to guide the primary agencies and other energy team members in implementing the plan. - The checklists will be refined subsequent to exercise evaluations.

Part III includes a summary list of various types of response actions and measures (mitigation, primarily).

Part IV includes "attachments" that are referenced throughout the plan, including:

#1a - Emergency Fuel Allocation and Supply (Not for public distribution)

#1b – Fuel Set Aside Program – Applicants Handbook

#2 - Energy-Utility Sector Communication Links and Guidance (Not for public distribution)

#3 - Public Information and Education

#4 – Resources

#5 - Energy Emergency Proclamation and Executive Order

#6 - Utah Critical Infrastructure Owners/Operators Access Program (Not for public distribution)

#7 – Glossary

#8 – Laws/Regulations Relating to Energy Emergencies

#9 – Energy Emergency Assurance Coordinators and ISERNET Guidance Set-Aside Program

#10 – Energy Emergency Planning Guidance for Local Emergency

Part V consists of the Energy Emergency Points-of-Contact List. (Not for public distribution)

Part VI contains information about Utah's energy profile. (Not for public distribution)